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DOMESTIC DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS
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Economic Analysis Section

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Public Assistance Trends

It is estimated that the number of persons receiving public assistance in the United States totaled a little over 9.7 million in February, a slight decline from the seasonal peak months of December and January. This peak of about 9,784,000 was about 100,000 more than the number in October 1941, which in turn was the lowest since 1932.

SUMMARY

1. FEBRUARY TOTALS. Participation in all AAA food programs: 8 million persons in family groups including 976,000 in Puerto Rico and other insular possessions; 6.1 million school children. Food distributed: 260 million pounds valued at 19 million dollars. Total for the first eight months of the fiscal year: 2,271.6 million pounds.
2. FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. Participation: 3.6 million persons. Issuance: orange stamps, 17.4 million dollars; blue stamps, 9.6 million dollars; per capita blue stamp issuance, \$2.68. Purchases with blue stamps: 156 million pounds. Leading commodities purchased: pork, eggs, white flour, butter. Changes in the stamp list: none.
3. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION. Participation: 4.4 million persons in family groups; .7 million persons in institutions and special groups. Foods distributed: 16.9 million pounds valued at approximately 4.2 million dollars.
4. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. Participation: 6.1 million children in 95 thousand schools--a new peak. Foods distributed: 66.7 million pounds valued at 8.5 million dollars.
5. MILK PROGRAM. Areas in operation: School Milk Program, 8 areas; Relief Milk Program, 6 areas. Areas designated but not operating: School Milk Program, 17.

SUMMARY (Continued)

6. COTTON PROGRAMS. Cotton Stamp Program: 262,350 participants; 292,000 issuance of free brown stamps; a per capita issuance of 1.12. Cotton Mattress Program: 53,000 mattresses and 105,100 comforters made from AAA materials were distributed. Supplementary Cotton Program: by the end of February, cumulative issuance had reached 17.2 million dollars, representing issuance to more than one million producers.

NOTE: Data presented in this report are subject to revision. Blue stamp purchase data for the Virgin Islands are included in totals for the current fiscal year (Table 1) but are not included in the tables for February (Tables 4 and 5).

TABLE 1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES OF FOODS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE FOOD STAMP AND DIRECT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS JULY 1941 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1942

(In Thousands)				
Commodity	Unit	Food Stamp Program/1	Direct Distribution Program/2	Total Distribution
Butter	lb.	10,736	1,775	12,511
Eggs /3	doz.	37,620	4,847	42,467
Frozen Egg Yolks	lb.	-	412	412
Dry Skim Milk	lb.	-	3,019	3,019
Evaporated Milk	lb.	-	21,080	21,080
Flour	lb.	295,892	188,805	484,697
Other Cereals	lb.	86,311	133,760	220,271
Dry Beans	lb.	50,503	42,901	93,404
Irish Potatoes /3	bu.	4,851	1,326	6,177
Other Fr. Vegetables	lb.	246,597 /4	22,596	269,193
Canned Pork & Beans	lb.	-	29,622	29,622
Canned Tomatoes	lb.	-	8,918	8,918
Fresh Fruits	lb.	140,536	187,201	327,737
Dried Fruits	lb.	21,369	45,862	67,231
Citrus Fruits /3	box	1,452	646	2,098
Grapefruit Juice	lb.	-	25,414	25,414
Canned Fruit	lb.	-	8,814	8,814
Pork Lard	lb.	7,075	21,515	28,590
Pork	lb.	47,103	13,875	60,978
Miscellaneous /5	lb.	107	7,622	7,729
Total	lb.	1,369,879	901,901	2,271,780

- /1 Includes estimates for Virgin Islands. Retail quantities are adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.
 /2 Includes estimated quantities distributed in February.
 /3 Converted to pounds in totals.
 /4 Roughly estimated.
 /5 Includes honey, dehydrated soup, peanut butter, pecans and syrup.

Foods Distributed in February and During the Current
Fiscal Year

In February, through the domestic distribution programs of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, an estimated 280,000,000 pounds of food valued at \$19,000,000 were distributed to approximately 8,000,000 persons in family groups, 8,100,000 children participating in the School Lunch Program, and 659,000 persons in institutions and other special groups in the continental United States and the Territories of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Of this total, 156,000,000 pounds valued at \$9,591,000 were distributed through the Food Stamp Program, 56.9 million pounds valued at \$4,200,000 directly to families and institutions, and 66.7 million pounds valued at \$5,300,000 through the School Lunch Program.

Total Pounds for Fiscal Year, All Programs

Both the Food Stamp and Direct Distribution Programs have greatly increased the consumption of agricultural commodities among low-income families. Needy school children receive food bought directly from growers and handlers and distributed through the School Lunch Program. In the areas where the Stamp Program is not operating, commodities purchased directly are distributed to families receiving or eligible to receive public assistance, as well as to charitable institutions. Commodities distributed through all of these programs for the first seven months of the current fiscal year total more than 2,271,800,000 pounds. (See Table 1 for detailed information on individual commodities.)

TABLE 2. GROWTH OF THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
FEBRUARY 1941 - FEBRUARY 1942

	February 1941		February 1942	
	Counties	City Areas	Counties	City Areas
Number of Areas				
Areas Designated End of Month	457	49	1,480	93
Areas in Operation End of Month	435	49	1,224	83
Number of Persons Certified	5,038,839		5,406,351	
Number of Persons Participating	3,109,267		5,534,946	
Percent of Certified Persons Participating	61.7		66.0	
Value of Blue Stamps Issued				
During Month	\$7,201,682.00		\$9,590,710.75	
Cumulative, Fiscal Year	\$44,487,061.00		\$75,720,995.25	
Rate of Blue Stamp Issuance Per Person	\$2.32		\$2.68	

TABLE 3. NUMBER OF PERSONS CERTIFIED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM AND VALUE OF BLUE STAMPS ISSUED, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1942

Region and State	Total Persons			Value of Blue Stamps Issued		
	Certified	Participating	Percent of Certified Participating	This Month	Cumulative This Fiscal Year	Average Per Person
	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL	5,406,351	3,584,946	66	\$9,590,710.75	\$75,720,995.25	\$2.68
WESTERN REGION	856,001	499,269	58	1,376,799.50	10,590,278.50	2.76
Arizona	48,998	33,845	59	80,838.50	674,856.50	2.62
California	272,657	172,181	63	465,822.00	3,921,232.50	2.70
Colorado	80,880	44,005	54	123,181.00	842,111.00	2.00
Idaho	62,337	24,268	39	55,451.50	378,543.50	2.28
Montana	46,369	27,638	60	72,988.00	479,457.00	2.64
Nevada	4,020	1,983	49	5,910.50	45,176.00	2.98
New Mexico	84,405	33,974	40	67,594.00	497,705.00	1.99
Oregon	56,999	33,836	59	100,873.00	813,035.50	2.96
Utah	61,193	33,884	55	89,729.50	737,357.50	2.65
Washington	124,785	86,742	70	290,143.00	2,184,317.00	3.34
Wyoming	13,298	6,213	52	17,068.50	116,474.00	2.47
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,504,547	1,023,835	68	2,752,985.25	20,535,612.50	2.70
Illinois	203,683	142,598	70	447,145.25	3,542,025.50	3.14
Indiana	59,368	29,057	49	65,393.50	478,931.00	2.25
Iowa	115,934	87,906	76	210,441.00	1,576,892.50	2.39
Kansas	38,449	54,338	79	135,530.50	1,035,435.00	2.49
Michigan	220,243	130,023	59	348,500.00	2,375,604.50	2.68
Minnesota	234,426	165,765	71	487,451.50	3,493,081.00	2.92
Missouri	123,232	70,639	57	160,213.00	1,465,276.50	2.55
Nebraska	94,996	74,806	79	173,735.00	1,405,856.00	2.32
North Dakota	54,976	43,904	80	103,442.50	684,309.00	2.36
Ohio	194,705	133,444	68	381,730.00	2,845,494.50	2.86
South Dakota	58,386	38,486	66	94,364.50	697,402.50	2.45
Wisconsin	68,839	45,925	67	119,601.50	854,968.00	2.60
Kentucky (2 counties)	7,310	5,934	81	15,437.00	111,316.50	2.30
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,301,023	825,805	63	2,692,355.00	22,087,615.75	3.26
Connecticut	11,610	8,204	71	25,068.00	244,602.00	3.10
Delaware	5,512	3,127	57	8,382.00	71,533.50	2.68
Maine	57,691	32,089	56	75,542.50	481,733.50	2.35
Maryland	30,820	13,336	43	32,628.50	231,871.50	2.43
Massachusetts	159,928	96,320	60	224,498.50	2,561,798.00	3.06
New Hampshire	16,806	11,408	68	38,382.50	286,339.00	3.36
New Jersey	75,536	43,352	57	133,067.50	1,128,268.50	3.09
New York	632,893	476,388	75	1,709,327.00	13,803,703.75	3.59
Pennsylvania	274,917	120,043	44	314,704.00	2,749,193.00	2.32
Rhode Island	29,534	17,446	59	49,648.50	404,817.50	2.84
Vermont	5,774	4,092	71	9,105.00	74,155.50	2.22
SOUTHERN REGION	1,738,010	1,232,717	71	2,752,817.00	22,246,912.00	2.23
Alabama	52,302	40,652	78	82,242.50	788,404.50	2.02
Arkansas	210,292	134,362	64	334,271.00	2,523,135.50	2.49
Florida	103,141	63,759	62	172,415.50	1,233,918.50	2.70
Georgia	66,542	40,573	61	94,249.50	757,469.50	2.32
Kentucky	44,938	31,123	69	63,407.50	492,631.50	2.23
Louisiana	189,014	139,879	74	253,572.00	1,692,983.50	1.81
Mississippi	156,336	122,898	79	220,595.50	3,537,617.50	1.79
North Carolina	65,409	50,777	78	108,969.50	835,790.50	2.15
Oklahoma	328,828	249,275	76	567,535.00	4,365,347.00	2.28
South Carolina	33,631	20,816	62	42,761.50	349,497.00	2.05
Tennessee	71,161	49,094	69	120,532.50	937,842.00	2.43
Texas	400,370	277,370	69	657,309.50	4,541,517.00	2.37
Virginia	16,026	12,139	76	28,825.50	190,598.00	2.38

VIRGIN ISLANDS /1	6,770	3,320	49	5,743.00	30,576.50	1.73

/1 January figures. February figures not available.

TABLE 4. ESTIMATED VALUE AND PERCENT OF TOTAL VALUE OF EACH COMMODITY PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND EACH REGION, FEBRUARY 1942

Commodity	Value in Thousands					Percent of Total Value				
	R e g i o n					R e g i o n				
	U. S.	West	Mid-west	North-east	South	U. S.	West	Mid-west	North-east	South
Butter	1,177	179	336	430	232	12.3	13.0	12.1	16.0	8.4
Eggs	1,336	202	333	490	311	13.9	14.7	12.1	18.2	11.3
White Flour	1,193	140	304	176	573	12.5	10.2	11.0	6.5	20.8
Graham Flour	21	6	7	4	4	.2	.4	.3	.1	.2
Corn Meal	215	19	47	47	102	2.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	3.7
Hominy Grits	63	1	12	21	29	.7	.1	.4	.8	1.0
Total Cereals	1,492	166	370	248	708	15.6	12.1	13.4	9.2	25.7
Dry Beans	423	48	95	117	163	4.4	3.5	3.4	4.4	5.9
Irish Potatoes	785	111	260	200	214	8.2	8.1	9.4	7.4	7.8
Carrots	111	17	38	36	20	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	.8
Cabbage	179	11	54	61	53	1.9	.8	2.0	2.3	1.9
Other Fr. Veget.	719	132	161	222	204	7.5	9.6	5.8	8.1	7.4
Total Veget.	2,217	319	608	636	654	23.2	23.2	22.0	23.6	23.8
Dried Prunes	164	22	45	67	30	1.7	1.6	1.6	2.5	1.1
Fresh Oranges	424	54	168	124	78	4.4	3.9	6.1	4.6	2.8
Apples	346	60	123	78	85	3.6	4.3	4.5	2.9	3.1
Grapefruit	165	29	66	45	25	1.7	2.1	2.4	1.7	.9
Pears	39	8	12	16	3	.4	.6	.4	.6	.1
Total Fruits	1,138	173	414	330	221	11.8	12.5	15.0	12.3	8.0
Pork	2,225	338	702	558	627	23.2	24.5	25.4	20.7	22.8
Total	9,585	1,377	2,763	2,692	2,753	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The Food Stamp Program

EXTENT. In February, the Food Stamp Program was operating in 1224 counties and 83 city areas in the continental United States out of a total of 1468 counties and 93 city areas designated. About 85.5 million persons live in the designated areas representing about 64.9 percent of the total United States population. The program was also in operation in the Virgin Islands. Out of 5,406,000 persons eligible, 3,585,000 participated--66 percent of the total.

STAMP ISSUANCE. Blue stamp issuance amounted to about 9.6 million dollars in February, a per capita issuance of \$2.68. Issuance by regions: Western Region, 1.4 million dollars or 14 percent of the total; Midwestern Region, 2.8 million dollars or 29 percent; Northeastern Region, 2.7 million dollars or 28 percent; Southern Region, 2.8 million dollars or 29 percent. Orange stamp purchases totaled 17.4 million dollars or an average per capita purchase of \$5.01. About 105,000 persons received free blue stamps without being required to purchase orange stamps. Issuance to this group amounted to \$124,000, a per capita average of \$1.18.

Compared with February 1941, the number of persons certified as eligible has increased about 500,000, the rate of participation about 4 percent, the monthly issuance of blue stamps 2.4 million dollars, the average issuance per person 36 cents, and the monthly quantity of foods purchased 7.4 million pounds. (See Table 2.)

TABLE 5. ESTIMATED PURCHASES OF COMMODITIES WITH BLUE STAMPS
THROUGH THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES
AND EACH REGION 1, FEBRUARY 1942

(In Thousands)						
Commodity	Unit	U. S.	West	Midwest	Northeast	South
Butter	lb.	2,948	421	918	1,026	583
Eggs <u>/2</u>	doz	3,891	595	1,068	1,257	971
White Flour	lb.	27,247	3,655	7,070	3,475	13,047
Graham Flour	lb.	415	119	147	72	77
Corn Meal	lb.	5,874	418	1,205	888	3,363
Hominy Grits	lb.	1,385	14	250	399	722
Total Cereals	lb.	34,921	4,206	8,672	4,854	17,209
Dry Beans	lb.	4,851	555	1,092	1,117	2,067
Irish Potatoes	lb.	28,288	5,606	10,526	6,864	7,292
Carrots	lb.	2,519	435	828	780	476
Cabbage	lb.	5,427	416	1,469	1,688	1,854
Other Fr. Vegetables	lb.	14,576	2,424	3,308	3,782	5,062
Total Vegetables	lb.	55,641	7,436	17,223	14,231	16,751
Dried Prunes	lb.	1,524	229	409	584	302
Fresh Oranges <u>/2</u>	doz.	2,442	478	829	685	452
Apples	lb.	8,086	1,295	2,795	1,855	2,141
Grapefruit <u>/2</u>	each	5,483	1,277	2,299	1,035	872
Pears	lb.	611	145	182	229	55
Total Fruits	lb.	27,894	3,359	9,880	7,048	5,607
Pork	lb.	8,995	1,205	3,235	1,819	2,736
Total		136,235	19,519	41,530	30,844	14,342

1 Retail quantities adjusted to include estimated wastage occurring in process of distribution.

2 Converted to pounds in totals.

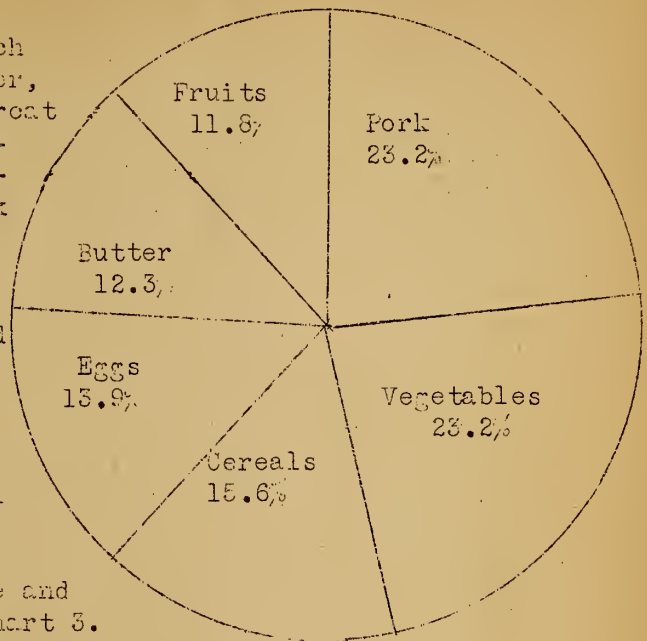
BLUE STAMP PURCHASES. February purchases in the Continental United States of approximately 136,200,000 pounds valued at \$9,600,000 reflected an increase of \$130,000 over January. In contrast to this increase in value, the total quantity purchased declined slightly. This was largely the result of a decrease in quantity of pork sold, reflecting a slight increase in price.

There were no changes in the blue stamp list during February.

In the fourth month of its reappearance on the stamp list, pork continued to be the most popular item with purchases of approximately \$2,200,000 (23.2 percent of the funds) expended for 9,000,000 pounds. Other major purchases, with percent of total funds: eggs with \$1,300,000 (13.9%) for 3,900,000 dozen; white flour with \$1,200,000 (12.5%) for 27,200,000 pounds; and butter with \$1,200,000 (12.5%) for 2,900,000 pounds. Vegetables took \$2,200,000 (23.2%) with Irish potatoes and dry beans accounting for over half of this sum. Fruits available for blue stamp purchases accounted for \$1,100,000 (11.8%), with oranges and apples continuing to show about two-thirds of expenditures for fruits. Chart 1 shows the distribution of blue stamp funds among commodity groups. The percentage spent for the different items and commodity groups changed little from January. Detailed information for each commodity is shown in Table 4 for the Continental United States and for each region.

Chart 2 presents a breakdown of the total quantities purchased by major commodity groups. Cereals, vegetables and fruits, which weigh heavily in comparison to butter, eggs, and pork, accounted for the great bulk of the poundage. The total expenditures, however, were evenly divided between butter, eggs, and pork on the one hand and cereals, vegetables and fruits on the other. In comparison with January, February data reflect purchases of increased quantities of eggs, decreased quantities of pork and dry beans, and a net decrease in total quantity of about 700,000 pounds. Table 5 presents statistics for the continental United States and for each region.

CHART 1. HOW THE BLUE STAMP DOLLAR WAS SPENT - FEBRUARY 1942

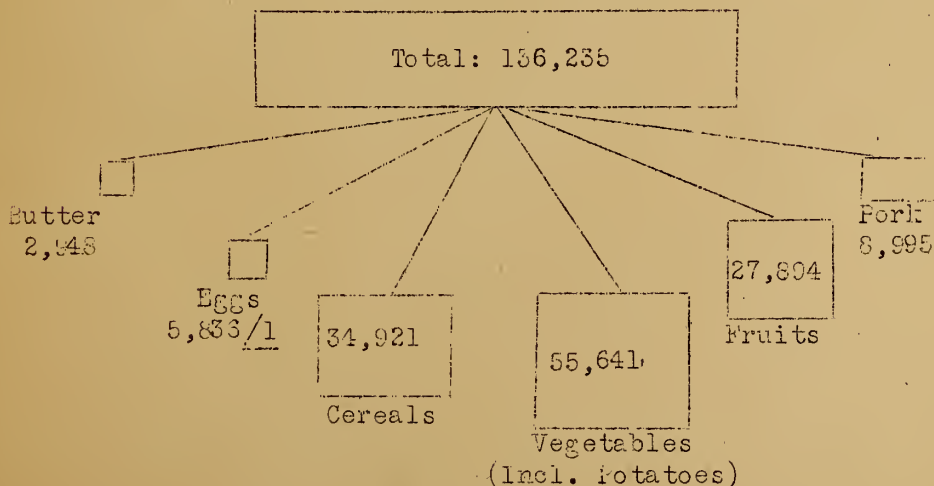


Regional comparisons of value and quantity are shown graphically in Chart 3. Differences in quantity among Regions II, III, and IV stand out in contrast to value figures which are approximately the same. Explanation: regional differences in food habits as well as in the availability of certain items. White flour purchases in the South continued to be nearly four times that in the Northeast and nearly twice that in the Midwest. Underlying the national decrease of .7 million pounds for all commodities were decreases of 3.7 million and 2.7 million in the Western and Northeastern Regions, respectively, and increases of 3.7 million and 2.1 million in the Midwestern and Southern Regions, respectively.

In terms of dollars spent, both similarities and differences in preference were observable among the regions. The similarities: pork was the most popular commodity in all regions; among the remaining items, eggs,

CHART 2. PURCHASES WITH BLUE STAMPS
FEBRUARY 1942

(Thousands of Pounds)



/1 Equivalent to 3,891,000 dozen

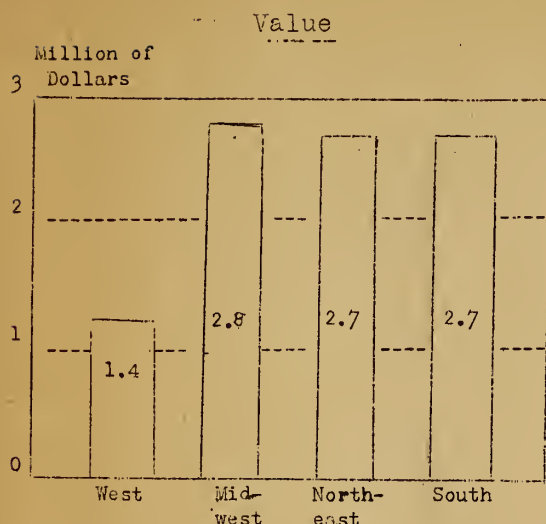
TABLE 6. PERCENTAGE USE OF BLUE STAMPS BY SAMPLE CITIES
IN ALL REGIONS, FEBRUARY 1942

Region Division and City	Butter	Eggs	Cereals	Veg. and Potatoes	Fruits	Fork
WESTERN REGION:						
<u>Pacific States</u>						
Pasadena, Calif.	15	15	9	22	13	26
San Francisco, Calif.	15	18	10	21	14	22
<u>Mountain States</u>						
Boise, Idaho /1	14	13	14	25	9	25
Denver, Colo. /1	8	14	13	24	15	21
Phoenix, Arizona /2	8	12	21	25	10	24
MIDWESTERN REGION:						
<u>East North Central States</u>						
Chicago, Illinois	10	11	15	21	13	30
Cleveland, Ohio	13	14	14	22	15	21
Detroit, Michigan	12	13	12	22	17	24
Evansville, Ind.	7	12	16	26	11	28
<u>West North Central States</u>						
Hutchinson, Kans.	9	12	13	23	13	30
Madison, Wisc.	17	11	10	18	16	26
Rochester, Minn.	19	10	12	22	14	23
St. Joseph, Missouri /1	7	12	15	28	15	22
Twin Cities, Minn.	15	12	11	21	16	22
NORTHEASTERN REGION						
<u>New England States</u>						
Boston, Mass.	15	22	5	19	10	27
Manchester, N. H.	17	15	6	23	11	26
Springfield, Mass. /2	13	15	7	27	19	19
<u>Middle Atlantic States</u>						
Baltimore, Md.	13	17	14	24	9	23
New York, N. Y. /1	18	21	8	23	11	19
Philadelphia, Pa. /1	12	13	18	24	10	23
Pittsburgh, Pa.	16	18	13	19	12	22
Rochester, N. Y.	12	13	10	25	15	24
SOUTHERN REGION						
<u>South Atlantic States</u>						
Atlanta, Ga.	6	11	35	17	5	26
Charlotte, N. C.	6	16	36	22	7	13
Greenville, S. C.	5	12	31	23	7	22
Roanoke, Va.	7	11	23	20	7	32
Savannah, Ga.	7	10	22	18	5	38
Tampa, Fla.	10	12	18	27	8	25
<u>East South Central States</u>						
Jackson, Miss.	6	10	36	20	11	17
Jasper, Ala.	3	4	50	20	6	15
Louisville, Ky.	10	12	25	22	8	23
Meridian, Miss.	5	8	41	21	10	15
Nashville, Tenn.	8	11	29	26	8	18
West Point, Miss.	2	3	59	15	4	17
<u>West South Central States</u>						
El Paso, Texas	8	16	31	26	8	11
Fort Smith, Ark.	6	14	21	28	7	24
Fort Worth, Texas	8	13	19	22	11	27
Jonesboro, Ark.	3	5	32	31	7	22
New Orleans, La.	14	13	16	20	8	29
Oklahoma City, Okla.	9	10	24	23	9	20
Tulsa, Okla.	2	11	23	26	13	16
Waco, Texas	7	8	32	25	7	20
Wichita Falls, Texas	6	11	26	23	10	22

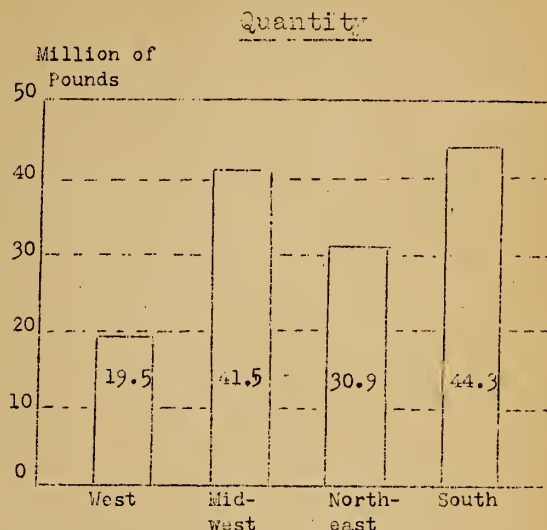
/1 Three week period only.

/2 Two week period only

CHART 3. ESTIMATED VALUE AND QUANTITY OF FOODS PURCHASED WITH BLUE STAMPS BY REGIONS, FEBRUARY 1942



Total: \$9,585,000



Total: 136,235,000 lbs.

butter, white flour and Irish potatoes accounted for the largest expenditures, though not always in the order named; Irish potatoes were the most popular vegetable; oranges and apples were the most popular fruits. The differences: participants in the Midwestern Region bought proportionately more fruits; those in the Northeastern Region bought more butter and eggs, less white flour; those in the Southern Region bought more white flour, corn meal and dry beans, less butter and fruits. Variations among areas within each region are indicated by the data for cities in which surveys are being conducted in Table 6.

The only significant changes in preference within a region occurred in expenditures for pork in the West and Northeast. The percentage spent for pork in the West rose from 18.7 percent in January to 24.5 percent in February; in the Northeast, it declined from 26.2 to 20.7 percent.

Direct Distribution Program to Families and Institutions

EXTENT. As shown in Table 8 approximately 4.4 million persons in family groups received ARA foods under the Direct Distribution Program in February. This represented a decline of 3 percent from the January figure and a decline of 53 percent from February of the previous year. A comparison of the extent of the Program in February 1942 with February 1941 is presented in Table 7. Participation in this program in all areas in February was 91 percent of those eligible. Regional figures: West, 78 percent; Midwest 92 percent; Northeast, 79 percent; South, 91 percent. In addition to persons in family groups, 409,000 persons in 1,200 institutions, and 250,000 persons in other special groups also received ARA foods in February.

Table 7. Number of Persons in Family Groups
Receiving AMA Foods through Direct Distribution
By Regions, February 1942 and 1941

Region	Total Number of Persons Participating	
	February 1942 /1	February 1941
Continental U. S.	3,396,033	8,352,090
Territories	971,971	1,033,995
Total	4,368,004	9,386,085
Western Region	75,077	410,324
Midwestern Region	827,610	2,066,625
Northeastern Region	623,108	1,936,346
Southern Region	1,375,299	3,882,795
Puerto Rico	966,908	1,033,995

/1 Preliminary

FOODS DISTRIBUTED. Family groups received a total of 55 million pounds of food in February, an increase of 4 per cent over the quantity distributed in January. Institutions and other special groups received 2 million pounds of food. Foods most widely distributed to family groups in January, the latest month for which detailed data are available, were cereals and flour, apples, prunes, beans, sweet potatoes, salt pork and lard. Of these, 7 items, wheat or oat cereal, corn meal, graham and white flour, prunes, dry beans and salt pork were distributed to more than 50 per cent of the participating persons. The estimated retail value of foods distributed to families, institutions and other groups in February totaled 4.2 million dollars.

The School Lunch Program

EXTENT. The School Lunch Program continued to expand during February, when a new high of 6.1 million participating children in 93,000 schools was reported. This represents a gain of 4 per cent over the number of children participating in the previous month and 39 per cent over the number participating in February 1941. Table 9 compares participation in the program this month and a year ago; Chart 4 shows the growth of the program since July 1939.

This new peak of more than 6.1 million children participating in the School Lunch Program represents about 22 per cent of the total school enrollment of 28 million children in public and parochial schools of the United States and the insular possessions. A special survey of participation during January showed that 65.8 per cent of the children receiving lunches during that month were in elementary schools; 12.6 per cent were in high schools; 8.7 per cent were in consolidated elementary and high schools; 6.2 per cent were in parochial schools; and 6.7 per cent were in nursery or other miscellaneous types of schools.

FOOD DISTRIBUTED AND ESTIMATED RETAIL VALUE. Approximately 67 million pounds of food were distributed to School Lunch Programs in February, an average of 11 pounds per child per month. The estimated retail value of food distributed in February amounted to 5.3 million dollars, an average of 86 cents per child for the month or 4.3 cents per meal. Principal foods available for school lunches in January, the

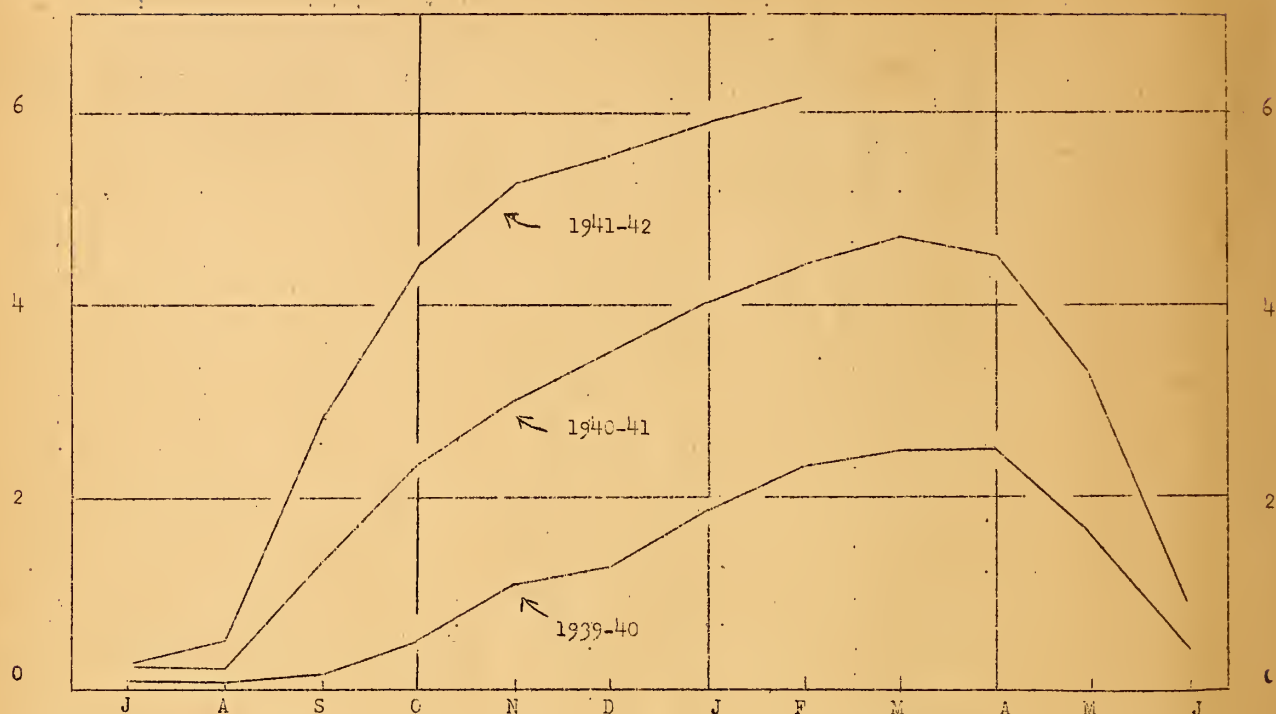
TABLE 8. PERSONS RECEIVING A.M.A. FOODS THROUGH DIRECT DISTRIBUTION, FOOD STAMP AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS AND HAWAII, BY STATES, FEBRUARY 1942

Region and State	Persons in All Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods				Persons in Families Receiving A.M.A. Foods Only			Number of Children Served by School Lunch
	Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program		Total	Direct Distri- bution	Stamp Program	
			Number	%				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TOTAL	7,952,950	4,368,004	3,584,946	45.1	2,631,835	1,961,154	670,681	6,144,990
WESTERN REGION	574,348	75,079	499,269	86.9	19,818	11,704	8,114	660,252
Arizona	39,802	5,957	33,845	85.0	-	-	-	27,151
California	197,667	25,486	172,181	87.1	8,886	772	8,114	306,467
Colorado	77,171	33,166	44,005	57.0	10,750	10,750	-	38,610
Idaho	24,896	628	24,268	97.5	-	-	-	36,282
Montana	31,203	3,565	27,638	88.6	-	-	-	27,858
Nevada	2,928	945	1,983	67.7	-	-	-	3,538
New Mexico	34,243	269	33,974	99.2	-	-	-	47,471
Oregon	33,836	-	33,836	100.0	-	-	-	24,529
Utah	33,804	-	33,804	100.0	-	-	-	37,793
Washington	86,742	-	86,742	100.0	-	-	-	98,169
Wyoming	6,913	-	6,913	100.0	-	-	-	11,664
Hawaii	5,063	5,063	-	-	182	182	-	6,810
MIDWESTERN REGION	1,845,511	827,610	1,017,901	55.2	122,418	109,582	12,836	1,300,002
Illinois	318,380	175,782	142,598	44.8	4,564	4,181	383	138,943
Indiana	133,669	104,602	29,067	21.7	3,799	3,799	-	94,914
Iowa	128,557	40,651	87,906	68.4	10,407	10,373	34	74,798
Kansas	127,753	73,415	54,338	42.5	880	815	65	78,845
Michigan	183,030	53,007	130,023	71.0	2,943	2,528	415	181,613
Minnesota	166,765	-	166,765	100.0	7,002	-	7,002	184,516
Missouri	215,330	144,691	70,639	32.8	70,285	69,701	584	149,503
Nebraska	74,806	-	74,806	100.0	52	-	52	62,996
North Dakota	43,904	-	43,904	100.0	1,693	-	1,693	81,190
Ohio	257,872	124,428	133,444	51.7	3,497	4,562	935	86,765
South Dakota	44,967	6,481	38,486	85.6	712	34	678	59,578
Wisconsin	150,478	104,553	45,925	30.5	14,584	13,589	995	106,341
NORTHEASTERN REGION	1,448,913	623,108	825,805	57.0	124,534	64,180	60,354	1,093,611
Connecticut	23,136	14,932	8,204	35.4	3,357	2,061	1,296	31,583
Delaware	4,994	1,867	3,127	62.6	-	-	-	4,706
Dist. of Col.	19,461	19,461	-	-	-	-	-	11,171
Maine	32,089	-	32,089	100.0	16,938	-	16,938	42,920
Maryland	18,327	4,991	13,336	72.8	-	-	-	22,154
Massachusetts	240,159	143,839	96,320	40.1	56,767	42,625	14,142	140,674
New Hampshire	11,408	-	11,408	100.0	2,175	-	2,175	16,945
New Jersey	118,179	74,827	43,352	36.7	2,400	2,363	37	87,687
New York	572,303	95,915/1	476,388	83.2	27,338	1,611/1	25,727	303,271/1
Pennsylvania	252,552	112,509	120,043	51.6	-	-	-	325,108
Rhode Island	21,549	4,103	17,446	81.0	49	49	-	2,616
Vermont	25,359	21,267	4,092	16.1	10,878	10,839	39	20,877
West Virginia	129,397	129,397	-	-	4,632	4,632	-	83,899
SOUTHERN REGION	3,113,950	1,875,299	1,238,651	39.8	1,397,217	808,780	588,437	3,019,988
Alabama	135,768	95,116	40,652	29.9	58,225	40,760	17,465	72,080
Arkansas	212,680	78,318	134,362	63.2	115,049	35,373	79,676	126,818
Florida	256,189	192,430	63,759	24.9	161,243	128,749	32,494	98,279
Georgia	262,373	221,800	40,573	15.5	100,791	86,805	13,986	513,056
Kentucky	368,771	331,714	37,057	10.0	220,418	211,053	9,365	116,332
Louisiana	240,039	100,160	139,879	58.3	57,735	3,260	54,475	196,796
Mississippi	198,123	75,295	122,898	62.0	142,910	50,384	92,526	324,119
North Carolina	203,924	153,147	50,777	24.9	88,510	66,403	22,107	221,242
Oklahoma	292,441	43,166	249,275	85.2	122,832	24,142	98,690	246,094
South Carolina	119,537	98,721	20,816	17.4	21,491	18,251	3,240	329,206
Tennessee	201,686	152,592	49,094	24.3	35,792	28,743	7,049	297,694
Texas	553,112	275,742	277,370	50.1	256,038	59,966	156,078	370,414
Virginia	62,237	57,098	5,139	17.5	16,183	14,897	1,286	107,858
Puerto Rico /2	966,908	966,908	-	-	966,908	966,908	-	69,199
Virgin Islands /2	3,320	-	3,320	100.0	940	-	940/1	1,946/1

/1 January figures. February figures not available. /2 Not included in Southern Region totals.

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CHART 4. MONTHLY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN
PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, JULY 1939-FEBRUARY 1942



Maximum number of Schools Participating during School Years: 1939-40 - 36,000
1940-41 - 67,000
1941-42 (to date) - 93,000

TABLE 9. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN PARTICIPATING
IN SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS BY REGIONS, FEBRUARY 1942 AND 1941

Region	Number Schools Participating		Number Children Participating	
	February 1942 /1	February 1941	February 1942 /1	February 1941
	:	:	:	:
Continental U. S.	91,802	62,757	6,067,043	4,360,462
Territories	804	630	77,955	51,128
Total	92,606	63,387	6,144,998	4,411,590
Western Region	8,069	6,835	660,252	571,971
Midwestern Region	34,865	19,454	1,300,002	817,029
Northeastern Region	11,965	7,424	1,093,611	754,922
Southern Region	36,978	29,044	3,019,988	2,216,540
Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands	729	630	71,145	51,128
/1 Preliminary				

latest month for which detailed data are available, included dry skim and evaporated milk, eggs, oat and wheat cereal, corn meal, corn grits, graham and white flour, apples, grapefruit juice, prunes, dry beans, canned pork and beans, canned tomatoes, salt pork, lard, honey and dehydrated soup.

School Milk and Relief Milk Programs

In February the School Milk Program was in operation in 8 areas in the Midwestern and Northeastern Regions of a total of 21 areas which had been designated for the program in all regions. Operating areas were: Chicago, St. Louis, East St. Louis and Madison, Wisconsin in the Midwest, and New York, Boston, Washington, D. C., and Lowell-Lawrence, Massachusetts in the Northeast. A daily average of 71,100 children in the Midwest received a total of 1,183,000 half pints of milk during the month. About 68,000 children received a total of 1,320,000 half pints of milk in the Northeast in School Milk areas other than New York City. The data for this city are not available.

The Relief Milk Program was in operation in Boston-Manchester, Massachusetts, New Orleans, New York City, Chicago, St. Louis and Washington, D. C. More complete information regarding this program will be included in the next issue of this report.

The Cotton Stamp Program

In February about 262,000 persons received approximately \$292,000 in free brown stamps in the 36 areas in which the Cotton Stamp Program was in operation. Brown stamp issuance which averaged \$1.12 for each participating person totaled approximately \$71,000 less than in January.

Table 10. Number of Persons Participating and Value of Brown Stamps Issued in the Cotton Stamp Program, February 1942

Region and Area	:No. of Persons: :Participating :	Value of Brown Stamps Issued			
		Total		Cumulative This:	Rate
		This Month:	Fiscal Year		Per Person
<u>United States Total</u>	261,650	\$292,127	\$2,756,176		\$1.12
Western Region	118,201	119,773	1,151,885		1.01
Midwestern Region	44,469	77,881	782,557		1.75
Northeastern Region	19,714	30,923	264,276		1.57
Southern Region	79,266	63,545	557,458		.80

The Cotton Mattress Program

Approximately 58,000 mattresses and 105,000 comforters were distributed to needy families in February through the various programs made possible by Agricultural Marketing Administration donations of materials. It is estimated that 55,000 of the mattresses and 70,000 of the comforters were distributed under the program operated jointly by the Agricultural Marketing Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment and Conservation Administration.

Supplementary Cotton Program

Issuance of white cotton stamps under the Supplementary Cotton Program reached 17.2 million dollars by the end of February. More than 1 million producers had participated in this program.

